

# Paraphrasing or Plagiarism

## What is paraphrasing?

Paraphrasing is...

- ~ Used to rewrite the text in your own words
- ~ Used to clarify meaning
- ~ Used to shorten a longer statement but keep the main ideas
- ~ Used to avoid PLAGIARISM!

How should I make sure that I do NOT plagiarize?

- ~ Don't change a couple of words
  - ~ Don't delete a couple of words or phrases
  - ~ Don't rearrange the order of the words
- \*\*\*What is it called if you do any of the above? PLAGIARISM\*\*\*

**Samples: The first one is done for you. Complete the next three.**

Original Passage	Plagiarism or Paraphrasing?	Choose and Explain
<p>"Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929, never backed down in his stand against racism. He dedicated his life to achieving equality and justice for all Americans of all colors. King believed that peaceful refusal to obey unjust law was the best way to bring about social change (National Geographic)."</p> <p><a href="http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/martin-luther-king-jr/">http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/martin-luther-king-jr/</a></p>	<p>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Civil Rights leader born in Georgia. He spent his life taking a stand against racism, and he also believed that peace was the greatest way to cause social change.</p>	<p>(circle or underline one)</p> <p>Paraphrasing or <b>Plagiarism?</b></p> <p>Explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- facts in the same order</li><li>- words are rearranged</li><li>- words are changes</li><li>- exact same ideas</li></ul>

Original Passage	Plagiarism or Paraphrasing?	Choose and Explain
<p>“One legend about the origin of the Olympic Games revolves around Zeus. It was said Zeus once fought his father, Kronos, for control of the world. They battled atop a mountain that overlooked a valley in southwestern Greece. After Zeus defeated his father, a temple and immense statue were built in the valley below to honor him. This valley was called Olympia, and soon religious festivals developed there as people came to worship Zeus and to approach as nearly as possible his great strength. It is believed that these religious festivals eventually led to the famed Games of the Olympics (Scholastic).”</p> <p><a href="http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens_games/history.htm">http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens_games/history.htm</a></p>	<p>One theory about the beginning of the Olympics comes from a battle between Zeus and his dad. Zeus fought his dad on the top of a mountain and won. A bunch of battles continued on Mt. Olympia, which is where the name comes from.</p>	<p>(circle or underline one) Paraphrasing or Plagiarism?</p> <p>Explain:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
<p>“The summer monsoon is associated with heavy rainfall. It usually happens between April and September. As winter ends, warm, moist air from the southwest Indian Ocean blows toward countries like India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Myanmar. The summer monsoon brings a humid climate and torrential rainfall to these areas (National Geographic).”</p> <p><a href="http://education.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/monsoon">http://education.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/monsoon</a></p>	<p>During the months of April through September, there is a lot of rain and wet air that falls on the countries of the Middle East.</p>	<p>(circle or underline one) Paraphrasing or Plagiarism?</p> <p>Explain:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
<p>“LeBron James is giving kids from Akron — ones with challenging backgrounds like his — the chance to go to college for free. The NBA star has partnered with the University of Akron to provide a guaranteed four-year scholarship to the school for students in James' "I Promise" program who qualify. The scholarship will cover tuition and the university's general service fee — currently \$9,500 per year. James told ESPN he plans to provide this for 1,100 kids, which would cost his foundation a total of \$41.8 million at the school's current rates (Fox Sports.com).”</p> <p><a href="http://www.foxsports.com/nba/story/lebron-james-college-scholarships-akron-university-cavaliers-i-promise-081315">http://www.foxsports.com/nba/story/lebron-james-college-scholarships-akron-university-cavaliers-i-promise-081315</a></p>	<p>LeBron James knows what is like to come from a poor home, so he helping kids from his hometown of Akron. He will give deserving kids a four year scholarship to the University of Akron.</p>	<p>(circle or underline one) Paraphrasing or Plagiarism?</p> <p>Explain:</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

## Student Practice

### How do I paraphrase?

1. Read the passage carefully.
2. Identify the main idea and key information
3. Look away from the passage
4. Write about the main idea and key information only - this is a shortened version put in YOUR own words

Original Passage	Paraphrase
<p>"In the early 1950s, a former ad man and modestly successful children's book author published a series of illustrated stories for children in magazines like Redbook. They were short, two-to-three page spreads with stamp-sized drawings and minimal coloring. He hoped to publish them in book form but another project gained steam.</p> <p>In 1957, he published a book that became an immediate best seller, turning him into a global publishing phenomenon. By approaching learning to read as zany and fun instead of boring and dull, the book altered the children's literature landscape. His name was Theodor Seuss Geisel and the book was called "The Cat in the Hat." While some of the magazine stories eventually made it into a book during his lifetime, others never did (Wall Street Journal)."</p> <p><a href="http://www.wsj.com/articles/inside-dr-seuss-inc-1409279452">http://www.wsj.com/articles/inside-dr-seuss-inc-1409279452</a></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

"The movie "Steve Jobs" had all the makings of a Hollywood blockbuster. It had a starry cast (Kate Winslet, Jeff Daniels, Michael Fassbender). The screenplay was by the acclaimed writer Aaron Sorkin (who also wrote "The Social Network"). And it received rave reviews ("Steve Jobs' is a rich and potent document of the times," wrote my colleague A.O. Scott.)But the movie tanked at the box office. Perhaps Hollywood had overestimated the public's fascination with the man. Perhaps the film came a couple of years too late or a couple of decades too early. Or perhaps we have Steve Jobs fatigue, after all the books, movies and documentaries on the visionary Apple co-founder (New York Times)."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/03/style/steve-jobs-flops-at-box-office-and-silicon-valley-cheers>.

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"Indian clothing is closely identified with the colorful silk saris worn by many of the country's women. The traditional clothing for men is the dhoti, an unstitched piece of cloth that is tied around the waist and legs. Men also wear a kurta, a loose shirt that is worn about knee-length. For special occasions, men wear a sherwani, which is a long coat that is buttoned up to the collar and down to the knees. The Nehru jacket is a shorter version of a sherwani (Live Science)."

<http://www.livescience.com/28634-indian-culture.html>

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"After a few trials building cars and companies, in 1903, Henry Ford established the Ford Motor Company. Ford introduced the Model T in October of 1908, and for several years, the company posted 100 percent gains. However, more than for his profits, Ford became renowned for his revolutionary vision: the manufacture of an inexpensive automobile made by skilled workers who earn steady wages .In 1914, he sponsored the development of the moving assembly line technique of mass production. Simultaneously, he introduced the \$5-per-day wage (\$110 in 2011) as a method of keeping the best workers loyal to his company. Simple to drive and cheap to repair, half of all cars in America in 1918 were Model T's (Biography.com)."

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